

(d) whether the toll policy for BoT projects has since been finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Planning Commission has finalized the Model Concession Agreement (MCA) for Public Private Partnership (PPP) contracts for roads duly approved by the Committee on Infrastructure (Col) in its meeting held on 27.09.2005.

(b) 10 contracts have been awarded on BoT (Toll)/BoT (Annuity) basis since March, 2006.

(c) Planning Commission has stipulated a precondition of 80% land acquisition to be handed over on or before appointed date for BOT contracts.

(d) Toll policy as per the MCA is yet to be finalized. However, Government has allowed to use the new MCA with existing toll policy till such time new policy is finalized by Committee of Secretaries.

#### **Overloaded Freight Vehicles**

978. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether overloading of freight vehicles causes serious damage to roads and highways by premature wear and tear of the surface;

(b) whether the Supreme Court had upheld, in 2005 the Motor Vehicle Act 1988 saying that the offence of overloading cannot be compounded.;; by permitting the carrier to proceed on its journey with excess load;

(c) whether Government would consider imposing additional toll charges on overloaded vehicles even upto 100 per cent; and

(d) whether Government would install iampsr-proof weighing machines along the highways to check and rsgiate overloading?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Toll on Highways is an user charge. Imposing additional toll on overloaded vehicles cannot be used as a penalty to control overloading.

(d) Enforcement of the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 including control on overloading is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, five WIM-cum-ATCC (Weigh-in-Motion-cum-Automatic Traffic Counter and Classifier) system have been provided by this Department to the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa for installation during the year 2006-07.

**Status of road projects in Rajasthan started by NDA Government**

979. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the road projects in Rajasthan started by NDA Government have been completed as per schedule/target;
- (b) if not, the reasons for the delay, project-wise, location-wise and year-wise;
- (c) by when the uncompleted projects are going to be completed and the details thereof; and
- (d) whether annual allocation for their repair and maintenance in the States has constantly been decreasing resulting in their decay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). In Rajasthan development and maintenance of NHs has been entrusted to Government of Rajasthan (State PWD) and National Highways Authority of India (NHA). There are three projects pertaining to National Highways with the State PWD, which were started before May 2004, but have not been completed as per schedule/target mainly due to delay by the contractor.

As far as National Highways Authority is concerned National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-I in Rajasthan was started before May 2004, which has been completed though there have been delay in some contracts due to problems associated with land acquisition, shifting of utilities, approval/construction of ROBs etc. Three projects with State